

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the pending claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-27 are set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (cancelled), (currently amended), (previously presented) or (new). Please CANCEL claims 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND claims 1, 13, 16 and 19 and ADD claims 25-27 in accordance with the following:

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1. (currently amended) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk; and
a single transparent window member attachable to and detachable from the case to allow an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single transparent window member.
 2. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member is installed so that an outer surface of the transparent window member is inwardly depressed relative to a surface of the case.
 3. (cancelled)
 4. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.
 5. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member is installed so that an outer surface of the transparent window member is level with a surface of the case.
 6. (cancelled)
 7. (cancelled)
 8. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member has a width of at least 0.8mm.
 9. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member has a width of ~ 2mm.

10. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 2, wherein the transparent window member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A single transparent window member ~~for use~~provided in a disk cartridge having a case to contain a disk, wherein the transparent window member is attachable to and detachable from the case and allows an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single transparent window member.

14. (previously presented) The transparent window member of claim 13, wherein the transparent window member is formed of at least one of a glass or acryl.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The transparent window member of claim ~~15~~14, wherein the transparent window member has a height so that the outer surface of the transparent window member is one of inwardly depressed relative to and at level with a surface of the case.

17. (previously presented) The transparent window member of claim 16, wherein the transparent window member has a width of ~ 2mm.

18. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the transparent window member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

19. (currently amended) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk, wherein the case includes upper and lower surfaces; and
a single transparent window member having top and bottom surfaces, wherein the single transparent window member is attachable to and detachable from the case to allow an external

light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the top and bottom surfaces of the single transparent window member.

20. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 19, wherein the transparent window member is installed so that the top and bottom surfaces of the transparent window member are one of inwardly depressed relative to and level with the upper and lower surfaces of the case, respectively.

21. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 20, wherein the transparent window member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

22. (previously presented) The disk cartridge of claim 21, wherein the transparent window member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (new) A disk cartridge and pickup assembly, comprising:
a case to contain a disk;
a pickup provided with a lens, to emit light onto the disk; and
a single transparent window member attachable to and detachable from the case to allow the pickup to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single transparent window member.

26. (new) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the transparent window member has a width of at least W corresponding to the following relationship:

$$W = \frac{2t \cdot NA}{n}$$

where t is a distance from an outer surface of the transparent window member to the disk, NA is a numerical aperture of the lens of the pickup which emits the external light and n is a refractive index of the transparent window member.

27. (new) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the transparent window member is installed so that an outer surface of the transparent window member is level with a surface of the case.
